

**Lesson
1****Complete Subjects and Predicates***Teaching*

A **sentence** is a group of words that expresses a complete thought. Every complete sentence has two basic parts: a subject and a predicate.

The **complete subject** includes all the words that tell whom or what the sentence is about.

The rays of the sun give energy to the earth.

The **complete predicate** includes the verb and all the words that tell what the subject is or what the subject does.

Energy is needed for work.

Identifying Complete Subjects and Complete Predicates

Underline the complete subject once and the complete predicate twice.

EXAMPLE The energy in food makes our muscles work.

1. People of long ago used animals as a source of energy.
2. Strong animals plowed fields for farmers.
3. Coal, oil, and natural gas are called fossil fuels.
4. Fossil fuels come from the remains of prehistoric plants and animals.
5. The earth contains a limited supply of fossil fuels.
6. Modern humans use fossil fuels more than any other type of energy.
7. Energy from the sun is stored in oil, wood, and coal.
8. Waterfalls or rapids produce energy.
9. Many early cotton mills were built near waterfalls.
10. The energy of the water ran the machinery in the factory.
11. Inventors introduced the steam engine.
12. Hydroelectric plants now make use of water energy in rivers and waterfalls.
13. Many appliances need electrical energy to work.
14. Electricity is necessary for the modern way of life.
15. Wind energy turns windmills.
16. The energy of the wind also moves boats with sails.
17. Solar furnaces collect the sun's rays with mirrors.
18. Solar energy cells can heat a home even in winter.
19. The gasoline engine produces energy for our cars.
20. Nuclear power plants change nuclear energy into electrical energy.
21. All these kinds of energy are important to life on Earth.

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More Practice

A. Identifying Complete Subjects and Predicates

Draw a vertical line between the complete subject and the complete predicate in each of the following sentences.

EXAMPLE Water power | is an important energy source.

1. Petroleum is the most widely used fossil fuel.
2. The production of electricity and steel requires a large amount of coal.
3. The cleanest fossil fuel is natural gas.
4. Natural gas heats many homes and factories.
5. Solar cells convert the light of the sun into energy.
6. A strong and steady wind is necessary for successful conversion of wind power into energy.
7. Tidal power produces a very small amount of energy.
8. The battery-like fuel cell makes electricity chemically.
9. Some cities get electricity by burning trash.
10. Scientists and engineers are developing better sources of energy for the future.

B. Using Complete Subjects and Predicates

On the line to the right of each item, write how each group of words could be used: **CS** for a complete subject or **CP** for a complete predicate. Then use each group of words in a complete sentence, adding a complete subject or complete predicate as needed.

EXAMPLE bright sunlight *CS*

Bright sunlight streamed through my window this morning.

1. a strong wind

2. floated down the river

3. electric cars

4. wrote a report

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Application

A. Revising by Adding Details

Add details to the subjects and predicates to make more interesting sentences.

1. Wind blows.

2. Machines work.

3. Electricity flows.

4. Windmills turn.

5. The sun shines.

6. Cars need.

B. Writing with Complete Subjects and Complete Predicates

Imagine that you have taken these notes for a report. As you review your notes, you will rewrite fragments as complete sentences. Write the following notes as sentences that have complete subjects and predicates. If you like, you may combine two or more fragments in a single sentence.

Geothermal power. Produced when water comes into contact with heated rocks under the earth. Steam trapped underground. Power companies drill into steam. Steam turns turbines. Produces electricity. Advantage—no pollution. Cheap source of electricity. Geothermal plants in Italy, Japan, Philippines, U.S. Not a main source of energy today. Could be in the future.
